

**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES**

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION**

**IN RE:** ) Docket No. 556  
) Order No. 28/2022  
**THE VIRGIN ISLANDS TELEPHONE CORPORATION’S** )  
**PETITION FOR RECERTIFICATION** )  
**OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND** )  
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**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation d/b/a Viya (hereinafter “VITELCO” or “Viya”<sup>1</sup>) filed a request with the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (hereinafter, “PSC” or the “Commission”) for recertification of its Universal Service Fund (hereinafter “USF”) eligibility pursuant to section 54.314 (a) of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter “FCC”) rules; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 2, 2022, the Commission conducted preliminary discussions with all parties regarding the USF recertification; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2022, the Commission received a report and analysis from its technical consultants, Georgetown Consulting Group, Inc. (hereinafter “GCG”) recommending the approval of VITELCO’s USF recertification; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 26, 2022, the Commission met in regular session at its office on St. Thomas, USVI located at No. 1003 Estate Ross, Suite 4 and via its Zoom videoconference link; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission heard testimony from Viya and GCG, and

**WHEREAS**, upon review and deliberation the Commission voted to GRANT Viya’s request to recertify its USF eligibility pursuant to section 54.314 (a) of the FCC and ADOPT the Report and Recommendations of its Technical Consultants; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Commission finds and Orders that Viya’s request for USF recertification is GRANTED on the following findings terms and conditions:

1. VITELCO shall provide with the PSC a copy if its annual certifications to the FCC specifically to include those covered in Part 54 Sections 313(n), 316(a)(7) and 316(b)(7). These

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certifications include disaster recovery plans, and progress toward coverage and technical requirements. These certifications should be filed with the PSC at the same time they are filed with the FCC.

*So Ordered.*

For the Commission,

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David W. Hughes, Chairman

**Date:** October 26, 2022  
Nunc pro tunc